

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of May 12, 2009 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner cited U.S. Patent 6,621,618 to Kaaden et al. as anticipating claims 19, 27, 40 and 42. Accordingly, these claims have now been canceled.

Remaining claims 18, 21-26, 29-34, 36, 38, 41 and 43 have been indicated as being allowable. The Examiner is thanked for this indication. As only the allowable claims remain, the present application as a whole should now be in condition for allowance, and indication of such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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